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IS MARS ALIVE? (SATURDAY REVIEW)  
ANCIENT INDIAN VILLAGE WHERE TIME STOOD STILL  
(SMITHSONIAN)  
THE FIFTY-FIFTY MARRIAGE (WOMAN'S DAY)

ANNCR: HERE IS \_\_\_\_\_ WITH FROM THE MAGAZINE RACK -- VOICE  
OF AMERICA SUMMARIES OF ARTICLES ON TIMELY TOPICS FROM  
AMERICAN MAGAZINES. TODAY: THE SATURDAY REVIEW ASKS,  
"IS MARS ALIVE?" SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE TAKES A LOOK  
AT A RECENTLY EXCAVATED ANCIENT AMERICAN INDIAN VILLAGE.  
AND FROM WOMAN'S DAY, AN AMERICAN HUSBAND WHO TOOK OVER  
THE HOUSEKEEPING CHORES FROM A YEAR AND NOW SHARES THEM  
EQUALLY WITH HIS WIFE -- TELLS HOW IT WORKS.

IS MARS ALIVE? (SATURDAY REVIEW)

NARR: IF ALL GOES WELL, TWO VIKING SPACECRAFT WILL LAND ON THE  
SURFACE OF MARS ON JULY 4, 1976 -- THE TWO HUNDREDTH  
ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE. WHAT THE LANDERS  
WILL FIND IS A MATTER OF GREAT CURIOSITY, NOT ONLY TO  
SCIENTISTS, BUT ALSO TO MUCH OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.  
MAN HAS BEEN WONDERING WHETHER THERE IS LIFE ON MARS FOR  
HUNDREDS OF YEARS. BIOLOGIST AND SCIENCE-FICTION WRITER  
ISAAC ASIMOV, WRITING IN THE SATURDAY REVIEW, TELLS  
HOW THE OBSERVATIONS OF THE 19TH-CENTURY ITALIAN ASTRONOMER  
SCHIAPARELLI GAVE CREDENCE TO THE NOTION OF INTELLIGENT  
LIFE ON MARS.

VOICE: "SCHIAPARELLI NOTED DARK AREAS THAT HE CONSIDERED TO BE  
BODIES OF WATER, AND LIGHT AREAS THAT HE CONSIDERED TO BE  
LAND. CONNECTING THE DARK AREAS, SCHIAPARELLI SAW,

VOICE: WERE A FEW DARK MARKINGS THAT WERE RATHER STRAIGHT AND  
(CONT'D) THIN. HE THOUGHT THESE WERE NARROW CONNECTING WATERWAYS,  
AND CALLED THEM CANALI, BY WHICH HE MEANT CHANNELS, OR  
MERELY 'NARROW WATERWAYS.' HOWEVER, CANALI WAS TRANSLATED  
INTO ENGLISH AS CANALS, WHICH ARE, OF COURSE, MANMADE  
WATERWAYS. IN THIS WAY, ALMOST EXACTLY A CENTURY AGO,  
THE 'CANALS OF MARS' ENTERED THE THINKING OF ASTRONOMERS  
AND NON-ASTRONOMERS ALIKE, AND THE NOTION AROSE OF  
MARS AS INHABITED BY A RACE OF INTELLIGENT BEINGS."

NARR: MISTER ASIMOV ADMITS THAT THE IDEA DIDN'T SEEM UNREASONABLE.  
ALTHOUGH MARS IS SMALLER AND COLDER THAN THE EARTH, IT  
IS NOT VERY MUCH SMALLER AND COLDER. IT HAS AN ATMOSPHERE  
AND SEASONS. ITS LOWER SURFACE GRAVITY -- ONLY TWO-  
FIFTHS THAT OF THE EARTH -- MEANT THAT MARS "MIGHT NOT BE  
ABLE TO HOLD ON TO AIR AND WATER AS OUR OWN WORLD CAN."  
IN MISTER ASIMOV'S WORDS, SOME PEOPLE BEGAN TO THINK  
OF "THE CANAL-BUILDING MARTIANS" AS A RACE OF  
"INDOMITABLE ENGINEERS, FIGHTING TO KEEP THEIR SMALL  
PLANET VIABLE AGAINST THE SLOW BUT STEADY LOSS OF WATER  
THAT WAS LEAVING IT LARGELY DESERT."

FURTHER RESEARCH EXPLODED THIS FANCIFUL BELIEF. NOT ALL  
ASTRONOMERS WERE ABLE TO SEE THE CANALS THROUGH THEIR  
TELESCOPES. AS SCIENTISTS STUDIED MARS MORE CLOSELY,  
THEY DISCOVERED THAT IT WAS EVEN COLDER AND DRIER THAN  
IT HAD SEEMED AT FIRST. ITS ATMOSPHERE WAS QUITE THIN  
AND CONTAINED NO OXYGEN -- ONLY CARBON DIOXIDE. THE  
PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY THE MARS-PROBE MARINER - FOUR IN

NARR: 1965 REVEALED A DRY, CRATERED SURFACE MUCH LIKE THAT OF  
(CONT'D) THE MOON. THE CHANCES FOR THE EXISTENCE OF LIFE BEGAN TO  
SEEM SLIMMER. BUT SOME SCIENTISTS STILL BELIEVE THAT  
WATER ONCE FLOWED ON THE SURFACE OF MARS. THEY POINT  
TO GEOLOGICAL FEATURES THAT LOOK LIKE DRY RIVERBEDS IN  
THE PHOTOGRAPHS -- AND THEY THEORIZE THAT SOME WATER  
MAY STILL EXIST, IN FROZEN FORM, IN THE MARTIAN ICE-  
CAPS. SOME ASTRONOMERS BELIEVE THAT MARS MAY GO THROUGH  
CYCLES OF CLIMATIC CHANGE LASTING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF  
YEARS. IN HISTER ASIMOV'S WORDS:

VOICE: "SLOW PERIODIC CHANGES MAY PRODUCE SLIGHTLY COLDER  
WEATHER ON THE AVERAGE, OVER A PERIOD OF SOME TENS OF  
THOUSANDS OF YEARS, THEN SLIGHTLY Milder WEATHER, OVER  
ANOTHER PERIOD OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS. THERE  
WOULD THUS BE A 'GLACIAL PERIOD' (SUCH AS IS AFFLICTING  
MARS NOW) WITH PRONOUNCED ICE CAPS AND A VERY THIN  
ATMOSPHERE. IN THE Milder PERIODS, THE ICE CAPS MIGHT  
MELT; THE WATER WOULD FORM LAKES AND RIVERS, WHILE  
CARBON DIOXIDE WOULD VAPORIZE AND BUILD UP A FAIRLY  
THICK ATMOSPHERE. DURING THE Milder PERIODS, MARS  
MIGHT BE QUITE HOSPITABLE TO LIFE. IT WOULD NOT BE AT  
ALL SURPRISING, THEN, IF SIMPLE FORMS OF LIFE APPEARED  
ON MARS DURING THE MILD PERIODS, AND SURVIVED AS SPORES  
THROUGH THE LONG WINTER, TO THAW OUT AND FLOURISH AGAIN  
IN THE NEXT MILD PERIOD."

NARR: IF JULY'S VIKING LANDINGS SUCCEED, THE EXPERIMENTS CARRIED OUT BY THE AUTOMATED EQUIPMENT ABOARD THE TWO SPACECRAFT SHOULD EITHER BEAR OUT THESE SPECULATIONS -- OR PUT THEM TO REST. VARIOUS INSTRUMENTS WILL "ANALYZE THE SOIL, TEST FOR WATER, TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SURFACE, MEASURE TEMPERATURES, STUDY THE ATMOSPHERE, SENSE GROUND-QUAKES, AND SO ON. BOTH THE ATMOSPHERE AND THE SOIL WILL BE TESTED FOR THE PRESENCE OF ORGANIC MOLECULES." ACCORDING TO MISTER ASIMOV, "THE MERE EXISTENCE OF SUCH MOLECULES WOULD BE STRONG, IF NOT CONCLUSIVE, EVIDENCE OF THE PRESENCE OF LIFE." AND EVEN IF THE VIKING LANDERS DO NOT DISCOVER LIFE ON MARS, MISTER ASIMOV FEELS THE COSTLY EXPERIMENT WILL STILL HAVE BEEN USEFUL. | IN HIS WORDS:

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VOICE: "MARS WOULD THEN HAVE AN INTERESTING DIFFERENCE FROM EARTH. THE TWO WORLDS, NOT VERY DIFFERENT, WOULD HAVE DEVELOPED ALONG TWO BRANCHES, ONE WITHOUT LIFE AND ONE WITH LIFE. FROM THE DIFFERENCE IN THE DEVELOPMENTS, WE MIGHT LEARN, MORE PRECISELY THAN WE CAN POSSIBLY KNOW NOW, WHAT THE EFFECT OF LIFE (BASIC NON-INTELLIGENT LIFE) HAS BEEN ON THE EARTH. THIS MIGHT GIVE US A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF PLANETARY PROCESSES. IT MIGHT MEAN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF ATMOSPHERIC PHYSICS, FOR INSTANCE, AND COULD, CONCEIVABLY, CONTRIBUTE TO OUR ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND AND DEAL WITH THE MATTER OF AIR POLLUTION."

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NARR: MISTER ASIMOV CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT WHATEVER THE RESULTS OF THE VIKING MISSION, "WE SHOULD SOMEDAY, IN OUR OWN INTEREST, SEND A MANNED EXPEDITION TO MARS. HUMAN BEINGS MUST LOOK AT THE PLANET, SINCE NO MACHINE IS AS VERSATILE, OR AS ABLE TO DEAL WITH THE UNEXPECTED AS IS THE HUMAN BRAIN."

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ANCIENT INDIAN VILLAGE WHERE TIME STOOD STILL  
(SMITHSONIAN)

NARR: THE NORTHWEST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES ONCE SHELTERED SEVERAL DIFFERENT AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURES. ALTHOUGH MANY INDIANS STILL LIVE IN THE REGION TODAY, THEIR WAY OF LIFE HAS ALTERED GREATLY -- AND MUCH OF THE CULTURE OF THEIR ANCESTORS HAS BEEN LOST. ON THE PACIFIC COAST OF THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, HOWEVER, ARCHAEOLOGISTS HAVE BEEN EXCAVATING A 300-YEAR-OLD MAKAH INDIAN VILLAGE SINCE 1966, AND LEARNING A GREAT DEAL IN THE PROCESS. DOCTOR RICHARD DAUGHERTY, WHO DIRECTS THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG, EXPLAINS IN SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE HOW THE VILLAGE WAS PRESERVED FROM THE RAVAGES OF TIME:

VOICE: "THE TIME WAS SOMETHING MORE THAN 300 YEARS AGO; THE PLACE OZETTE, A MAKAH INDIAN WHALING VILLAGE ON THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA IN WASHINGTON STATE. RAIN MAY WELL HAVE BEEN TURNING THE EARTH SODDEN AT THE TIME, UNITING SKY AND SEA INTO A SINGLE GRAYNESS. THE GREAT WINTER CEREMONIALS MUST HAVE BEEN OVER, THE MASKS AND REGALIA PUT AWAY FOR ANOTHER YEAR, AND THE SEASON OF

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GARNERING THE RESOURCES OF OCEAN AND FOREST WELL BEGUN.  
YET DURING THE NIGHT DISASTER SWEPT THROUGH THE VILLAGE.  
A HILLSIDE GAVE WAY AND ENTIRE HOUSES WERE SEALED BENEATH  
EIGHT TO TWELVE FEET OF WET CLAY."

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NARR: ACCORDING TO DOCTOR DAUGHERTY, "MOST OF THE VILLAGE  
ESCAPED THE TRAGEDY -- AND IRONICALLY, LATER HOUSES  
HAVE LONG SINCE VANISHED, VIRTUALLY WITHOUT PHYSICAL  
TRACE, WHEREAS THE ONES SEALED BENEATH THE MUDFLOW REMAIN.  
OZETTE IS A POMPEII IN MUD INSTEAD OF VOLCANIC ASH, AN  
ARCHAEOLOGIST'S DREAM."

DOCTOR DAUGHERTY AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE FORCED TO USE  
AN UNUSUAL TECHNIQUE TO EXCAVATE THE VILLAGE, SINCE  
CONVENTIONAL DIGGING WITH SHOVELS AND TROWELS WOULD  
HAVE DESTROYED THE FRAGILE ARTIFACTS PRESERVED IN THE  
DAMP CLAY. IN HIS WORDS:

VOICE: "THE ANSWER HAS BEEN WATER. WE LAID PLASTIC PIPES  
FROM THE REEF TO THE SITE. THIS LETS US PUMP WATER  
FROM THE OCEAN WITH ENOUGH VOLUME AND PRESSURE TO WASH  
AWAY THE OVERBURDEN OF THE MUDFLOW. THEN, ONCE DOWN  
TO A HOUSE LEVEL, WE SWITCH TO THE FINE SPRAY OF  
ORDINARY GARDEN HOSES. THE SYSTEM WORKS SO WELL THAT  
WE HAVE RECOVERED MATERIAL AS INCREDIBLY FRAGILE AS  
ALDER LEAVES AND AS MINUTE AS SHAVINGS LEFT BY A  
WOODWORKER."

NARR: ONCE VARIOUS OBJECTS ARE EXCAVATED, THEY MUST BE IMMEDIATELY SUBMERGED IN PRESERVATIVE, OR ELSE THEY WILL DECAY. THE PRESERVING TECHNIQUE USED BY DOCTOR DAUGHERTY AND HIS COLLEAGUES FROM WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY HAS HAD VERY GOOD RESULTS SO FAR. AFTER A WEEK'S SOAKING IN CARBOWAX, A CHEMICAL RELATED TO AUTOMOBILE ANTIFREEZE, ARTICLES "TOO FRAGILE TO TOUCH AS THEY COME FROM THE EXCAVATION END UP SAFE TO MANIPULATE FOR STUDY, AND, ULTIMATELY, TO DISPLAY." DOCTOR DAUGHERTY WRITES THAT MANY ARTICLES "HAVE BEEN OUT OF THE PRESERVATIVE VATS FOR FIVE YEARS WITHOUT SHOWING ANY NOTICEABLE SIGNS OF DETERIORATION." AND HE DESCRIBES THE INDIAN LIFESTYLE REVEALED BY THESE ARTIFACTS:

VOICE: "FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS (ENDING ONLY A GENERATION AGO) MEN HAVE BEEN PADDLING OUT PAST OZETTE'S PROTECTIVE REEF AND ISLANDS TO HUNT AT SEA. HARD WORK. DANGEROUS. AND UNCERTAIN. BUT FOR THE SUCCESSFUL, IT WAS DOUBTLESS ATTENDED BY GREAT PRESTIGE. PERHAPS THE VERY DAY OF THE DISASTER HUNTERS HAD PADDLED HOME WITH A WHALE IN TOW AND ACCEPTED THE VILLAGERS' ADMIRATION AS THE BUTCHERING GOT UNDER WAY ON THE BEACH. POSSIBLY SOMEONE HAD CARRIED FRESH BLUBBER -- A DELICACY -- UP TO ONE OF THE HOUSES. CERTAINLY THEY DID THIS AT TIMES, FOR WE HAVE FOUND THE EVIDENCE IN ONE HOUSE: HUGE BARNACLES OF A KIND THAT INFEST THE SKINS OF BALEEN WHALES ONLY.

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ROLLS OF CEDAR BARK APPARENTLY FRESH FROM THE FOREST, HAD BEEN BROUGHT INTO ANOTHER HOUSE, WHICH STOOD SLIGHTLY

VOICE: LOWER ON THE TERRACE THAN TWO OTHERS WE HAVE BEEN WORKING  
(CONT'D) ON. THE BARK WAS TO BE SPLIT AND DRIED FOR MAKING CLOTHING,  
MATS, POUCHES, BASKETS, AND ALL MANNER OF USEFUL ITEMS."

NARR: THE ANCIENT MAKAH INDIANS LIVED ALMOST ENTIRELY FROM  
THE FOREST AND THE SEA, OBTAINING NEARLY EVERYTHING THEY  
NEEDED FROM THESE TWO SOURCES. DOCTOR DAUGHERTY AND HIS  
COLLEAGES HAVE DISCOVERED NO WESTERN TRADE GOODS AT THE  
SITE; THE VILLAGE MUST HAVE BEEN BURIED BEFORE TRADE  
WITH NON-INDIANS BEGAN. THE PURPOSE OF MANY ARTICLES  
FOUND COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DETERMINED WITHOUT THE HELP  
OF MAKAH INDIANS FROM THE NEAH BAY RESERVATION NEARBY,  
SOME OF WHOM WERE FLOWN TO THE SITE BY HELICOPTER.  
MANY ARTIFACTS WILL EVENTUALLY BE DISPLAYED IN A NEW  
MUSEUM NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED ON THE RESERVATION. / FOR

AS DOCTOR DAUGHERTY POINTS OUT:

VOICE: "THE WHOLE UNDERTAKING, FROM THE FIRST EXCAVATION AT  
OZETTE IN 1966 TO THE OPENING OF THE MAKAH MUSEUM  
SCHEDULED FOR EARLY 1977, HAS SERVED TO MAKE THE PAST  
A PART OF THE PRESENT. THAT ALWAYS IS THE FUNCTION OF  
ARCHAEOLOGY, BUT IN THIS CASE THE KNOWLEDGE GAINED  
ALSO SERVES THE HEIRS OF THE OZETTE PEOPLE."

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THE FIFTY-FIFTY MARRIAGE (WOMAN'S DAY) 3-3401

NARR: FEW AMERICAN MEN ARE AS DRAVE -- OR, IN SOME PEOPLE'S  
WAY OF THINKING, AS FOOLISH -- AS JOURNALIST MIKE  
MCGRADY. IN 1974, MISTER MCGRADY AND HIS WIFE AGREED  
TO EXCHANGE ROLES FOR A YEAR. MRS. MCGRADY WOULD

NARR: SUPPORT THE FAMILY WITH THE INCOME FROM HER SUCCESSFUL  
(CONT'D) PLASTICS PRODUCTS BUSINESS, AND MISTER MCGRADY WOULD  
STAY HOME AND CARE FOR THE HOUSE AND CHILDREN.

THE EXPERIENCE WAS AN EYE-OPENER FOR BOTH OF THEM.  
MISTER MCGRADY DISCOVERED THAT BEING A HOUSEWIFE WAS  
FAR MORE DEMANDING THAN HE HAD THOUGHT. AND MRS. MCGRADY  
FOUND THAT HAVING AN OUTSIDE JOB MADE HER LESS ANXIOUS  
ABOUT MANY DETAILS OF HOUSEKEEPING THAN SHE HAD BEEN  
BEFORE. WHEN THE YEAR WAS UP, MISTER MCGRADY SAYS:

VOICE: "I CONFESS THAT SOMEWHERE IN THE DEPTH OF MY MALE HEART  
WAS THE NOTION THAT WHEN IT ENDED, WE WOULD FLIP BACK  
THE PAGES OF THE CALENDAR AND LIVE LIFE THE WAY WE ONCE  
HAD. 'IF YOU THINK I'M GOING BACK TO THAT, YOU'RE  
CRAZY,' CORINNE INFORMED ME. CORINNE IS A SLENDER  
BRUNETTE WITH A WILL OF STEEL, AND WHEN SHE SPEAKS  
LIKE THAT, SHE MEANS IT.

"THIS BRINGS US TO THE NEXT LOGICAL STEP -- THE ARRANGEMENT  
WE HAVE NOW -- A FIFTY-FIFTY MARRIAGE. WE TAKE TURNS  
BEING THE HOUSEWIFE -- ONE WEEK ON, ONE WEEK OFF. IN THE  
BEGINNING THERE WERE NO BLUEPRINTS OR ROAD MAPS TO GUIDE  
US, NO WAY OF KNOWING FOR SURE WHAT AHEAD."

NARR: MISTER MCGRADY SAYS THE NEW ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN A  
LIBERATING EXPERIENCE FOR HIS WIFE. AND HE QUOTES HER:

VOICE: "I THINK THAT YEAR IN THE OFFICE OPENED MY EYES TO  
(FEMALE) ANY NUMBER OF THINGS. BUT ONE OF THE MAIN CHANGES  
IS THIS -- I NO LONGER FEEL ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR  
EVERYTHING THAT TAKES PLACE AROUND HERE. I DON'T GO  
AROUND FOREVER PICKING UP SHOES AND SWEATERS THAT THE  
KIDS HAVE LEFT LYING AROUND. I USED TO THINK I WAS  
ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERY SINGLE THING THAT  
HAPPENED TO EVERY SINGLE PERSON UNDER THIS ROOF. IN  
THE OLD DAYS I FELT TRAPPED, AND IT WAS A DEADENING  
EXPERIENCE. NOW I FEEL THAT I'M HERE BECAUSE IT'S A  
PLACE I WANT TO BE."

NARR: MISTER MCGRADY REPORTS THAT "CORINNE'S NEWLY FOUND  
DISENCHANTMENT WITH HOUSECLEANING LEADS TO A MEASURABLY  
DUSTIER HOUSE, BUT IT ALSO HAS PRODUCED A MEASURABLY MORE  
CONTENT CORINNE." AS FOR HIMSELF, HE SAYS, THE NEW  
ARRANGEMENT HAS CHANGED HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD EARNING  
MONEY.

VOICE: "INITIALLY, AS I STOPPED BEING A HOUSE-HUSBAND AND WENT  
BACK TO PAYING BILLS, THERE WAS A SMALL SENSE OF PANIC.  
ONCE YOU STOP EARNING A PAYCHECK, YOU FORGET THAT IT  
CAN BE DONE. OF COURSE, SINCE I AM NOW SOLELY A FREE-  
LANCE WRITER, I AM IN A POSITION THAT IS BOTH HELPFUL  
TO OUR CURRENT ARRANGEMENT, BECAUSE OF THE FREE TIME INVOLVED,  
AND LESS RELIABLE BECAUSE THE MONEY DOES NOT COME WITH  
THE REGULARITY OF A SALARY. IT TURNS OUT, THOUGH, DESPITE  
MY WORST FEARS, THAT I STILL AM ABLE TO MAKE A LIVING.  
AT LEAST HALF A LIVING. BECAUSE THIS YEAR THERE IS A

VOICE: BIG DIFFERENCE -- THIS YEAR I'M PAYING ONLY HALF THE  
(CONT'D) BILLS. AND WITH THE ECONOMIC PRESSURE CUT IN HALF, THE  
JOB ITSELF NO LONGER SEEMS OF SUCH OVERWHELMING IMPORTANCE."

NARR: MISTER MCGRADY SAYS THAT WITH MONEYMAKING NO LONGER SUCH  
AN OVERWHELMING FEATURE OF HIS LIFE, HE FEELS MORE  
ABLE TO TAKE VACATIONS WHEN HE WANTS TO, INSTEAD OF  
BEING A SLAVE TO A SCHEDULE. HE REPORTS THAT ALL  
MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY HAVE BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT,  
LESS TIED TO FIXED PATTERNS OF BEHAVIOR, AND MORE WILLING TO  
HELP EACH OTHER. BUT HE ADMITS THAT THE FIFTY-FIFTY MARRIAGE  
IS NOT FOR EVERYONE:

VOICE: "MOST COULDN'T MAKE THE ADJUSTMENTS. MOST PEOPLE ALREADY  
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T HAVE A FULLY DEVELOPED NETWORK OF OBLIGATIONS AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES -- NINE-TO-FIVE JOBS, CHILDREN GROWING  
UP, PRESSING FINANCIAL NEEDS. SOME PEOPLE WOULD SAY THAT  
WE ARE LUCKY TO BE ABLE TO DO IT, AND THE IDEA OF AN  
ABSOLUTELY EQUAL DIVISION WOULD SEEM UTOPIAN TO THEM.  
OTHERS WOULD JUST THINK IT WAS CRAZY."

NARR: MISTER MCGRADY HAZARDS AN EDUCATED GUESS, HOWEVER, THAT  
THE IDEA OF FIFTY-FIFTY MARRIAGE WILL SOMEDAY BE MUCH  
LESS OF A NOVELTY. HE OBSERVES THAT "MANY YOUNG PEOPLE  
SEEM TO BE ENTERING MARRIAGE LOOKING FOR EQUALITY AND NOT  
JUST BALANCE." AND HE CONCLUDES:

VOICE: "IF YOU DETECT A CERTAIN LIGHTNESS IN MY SPIRIT AS I  
FINISH THIS, IT IS BECAUSE MY WEEK AS WIFE HAS JUST ENDED  
AND MY WEEK AS A HUSBAND IS ABOUT TO BEGIN. IF THERE  
IS ONE THING WE HAVE AGREED UPON UNANIMOUSLY IT IS THE  
FACT THAT BEING A HUSBAND IS EASIER. WE BOTH HAVE TRIED  
IT AND WE KNOW."

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FIRST-HAND REPORT ON WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE PART OF A FIFTY-  
FIFTY MARRIAGE, FROM WOMAN'S DAY. NEXT WEEK (AT THIS TIME)  
JOIN US AGAIN FOR MORE SELECTIONS FROM THE MAGAZINE RACK.  
YOUR REPORTER WAS -----.

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